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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to urge the Commission to approve LightSquared's launch as soon as is feasible because this is so important to states like Kentucky. I personally know what this can mean for the welfare and public safety of our citizens in Kentucky. Years ago, when I held the position of Director of Economic Development for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, I traveled this state, from the mountains where I grew up in Letcher County, to the banks of the Mississippi River in Fulton County. In 1989, in my hometown of Lexington, I had the privilege to serve as the Fayette County Sheriff.

Given the rapidly rising demand for wireless broadband data services across the U.S., it is essential that more spectrum be assigned to wireless broadband as soon as possible. I know that the Commission and the President agree with this goal, as spelled out in the National Broadband Plan.

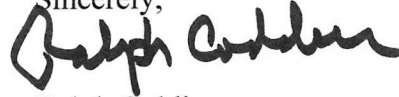
My recent service, as the former state Director of the 911 I program for our commonwealth, gave me an inside look at the needs in Kentucky as it relates to communications, technology and the public safety concerns that face our communities and families all across the state. Our local officials and citizens should be aware of these critical issues. When a company steps up, as LightSquared is doing, with a plan to address these needs, our people deserve to know the truth about these issues.

LightSquared's proposed 4G-LTE network represents the best chance in the short term for a significant expansion of the nation's wireless broadband spectrum. This network would be a privately funded initiative using spectrum long assigned to LightSquared and its predecessors.

The company would provide access to next-generation wireless broadband to 260 million Americans, including many in rural areas who currently lack any ability to connect wirelessly to the Web.

By providing its service on a wholesale basis, LightSquared would achieve another important benefit to the United States: increased competition in the wireless industry. Not only would a wholesale 4G-LTE provider allow small wireless providers to upgrade their service offerings, but it would also allow new entrants to launch service – including retailers who sell electronic devices requiring broadband wireless connectivity.

In short, as a former Kentucky economic development official, and a former Kentucky law enforcement and 911 coordination official, I urge the FCC to help both our economy and our security by continuing to work with both the providers of GPS service and with LightSquared to develop the technology necessary for both to co-exist and prosper together in a vibrant and competitive marketplace that creates only winners. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ralph Coldiron